

EAST PROVIDENCE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

East Providence School Committee - Facilities Sub-Committee

East Providence City Hall – Room 308, 145 Taunton Avenue

East Providence, Rhode Island 02914

November 14, 2016

Open Session

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Cahoon, Chair, at 6:30PM. Present: Nathan Cahoon and Anthony Ferreira, Charles Tsonos. Also Present: Kathryn Crowley, Superintendent of Schools, Anthony Feola, Director of Facilities, Peter Barilla, Jr. Asst. Director and Lucy Maddock, Director of Finance.

Attending: School Committee members Jessica Beauchaine and Charles Tsonos.

Discussion of RIDE Reports:

LEA Condition Data Review – Statewide Facilities Survey & Prioritization Planning Services dated August 2016 and Facilities Condition Assessment and Energy Assessment Report – October 2016

Prioritization of Projects - using data from the RIDE Report on Hennessey School, coupled with projects already slated for 2017 summer project work, the following summarizes the discussion of priority work items:

- 1) Price re-pointing of the chimney and the building – (agreed to take a look at this at request of Mr. Feola)**
- 2) Floor Tile Replacement**
- 3) Bathrooms – (reimbursement money) bathrooms need work, sinks, look at capital to do counters; some stalls need to be replaced. Superintendent Crowley said this needs to be done right; work on it this summer; (Mr. Feola recommended doing four main bathrooms)**
- 4) Univents – hold per Superintendent (Lucy Maddock to check if we can change from replacement to updating this summer)**
- 5) Paint Classrooms – already targeted for this summer. Mr. Feola added that we need to paint heating units too, which will require extra time.**
- 6) Air Compressor (about \$6,000 – will try to do it before summer using in-house labor)**
- 7) Lighting - Electrical – look at LED lights; free up space in boxes, then can add more plugs without bringing in new lines. Nate Cahoon recommended not worrying about other smaller items on the list right now.**
- 8) Asphalt – Repair/Replacement**
- 9) Gym floor – Get prices**
- 10) Put doors on summer plan also**

Fire Safety Alarm – Already completed;

Technology – not sure why they want us to add card swipes to doors; talk to Kelly I/T about other technology items listed in RIDE report.

Regarding cameras, Mr. Feola did not see the need to add 21

cameras; we have 8 now; if additional grant money, maybe can do it later; he recommended adding one to main front corridor; Public Address system working (question about if it works outside the building also??)

Specialty items on Page 25 in report – Kathryn Crowley – cabinets in classrooms are in dire condition; can we refurbish any of them?

Clocks being replaced everywhere per Mr. Feola

Discussion about paint colors for buildings – try to use some of the same colors to save money on cost of paint.

Hennessey asphalt is a problem; Mr. Ferreira said we need to fill the cracks.

Cafeteria – Superintendent Crowley – taking down tables, refilling walls, new tables ordered; painting in cafeteria/gym – Mr. Feola called companies to look at the floors; Superintendent asked him to get prices on that and to look at floors in cafeteria/gym; also look at ventilation issues in that area.

Discussion about floors – Mr. Ferreira thought we could use our personnel to grind floor down for about \$12,000 for materials.

Mr. Cahoon asked that we start picking out blocks of time for these jobs.

Kathryn Crowley requested that a list of the items be complied with a timeline

Discussion about old section of school; abate all floors in classrooms; (abatement in RIDE report for 16,000 square feet of floors) Requested that Mr. Feola get prices.

Kathryn Crowley – would have to be done at the end of school; there can be no recreational use there next summer.

Prioritization of Projects - using data from the RIDE Report on Waddington School, coupled with projects already slated for 2017 summer project work, the following summarizes the discussion of priority work:

Discussion about Parking lots – Kathryn Crowley asked that we get a price on the areas right around the school; Mr. Feola explained that area will go from the dumpster all way down to K area and path behind the building; bus path walking up to the back of the school should be looked at and we should get a price on parking lot across from the school.

Electrical – exterior lights; rusty pole in back which no one know what it is/was used for?

Need extra electrical on outside of the building (Mr. Feola noted we should use LED); no lighting in back either; will see what exterior lighting is available

Roof – need to relook at piping around building; check gutters before water leaks in;

Kathryn Crowley – blisters on roof; check warranty before it becomes a problem; get our person over there to look at it.

Mr. Ferreira asked if it is a white roof that can be patched. *According to Mr. Barilla it is a black roof.

Exterior – we will look at this ourselves; doors need striping; sand down and paint railings; look at repoint of brick (no reimbursement

money; can we just repoint parts, not all)

Kathryn Crowley - need to rewrite for new monies; plan for next amount, plan for future will write pointing into our next request maybe year later.

Mr. Ferreira –asked to have list ready at a future meeting.

Lucy Maddock- what can be done in a relatively short time and do we have money for it

Kathryn Crowley – start a journal as we move into five year cycle; Mr. Feola said he has notes and will work on it.

Superintendent said we will paint everything (talk about what to do about summer school usually held at Waddington)

Interior – request from school to brighten up colors (part of painting)

Toilets/Partitions – Superintendent suggested we look at replacing bad ones (Ms. Beauchaine - especially downstairs)

Cabinets look bad – just paint them; doors on cabinets are horrible in classrooms; Kathryn Crowley said we should look at and start a plan to replace cabinets in classrooms; money does not require health/safety; may be added on next level.

Mr. Ferreira – could get students at CTC to prebuild cabinets during school time and then add them to classrooms in the summer;

Superintendent said we can talk to Karen Mellen, CTC Director, about helping out with some cabinet work; look at possible money for cabinets and gymnasium.

Mechanical – chiller done; no univents; electrical – get more to rooms; need to look at lighting; no reimbursement money; look at it any way; Superintendent said to put it on the list.

Mr. Feola – we will still add plugs when we can.

Plumbing – look at bathrooms; Superintendent requested that we check to see if we need to replace anything.

Ms. Beauchaine – would like to add water fountains that work and have cold water in first wing K-1-2

Technology – Superintendent advised that we leave all items marked “3” for now.

Nate – everything will be going wireless in future.

Mr. Feola some not working

Kathryn Crowley – target issue of not getting internet access; discuss with Kelly Ahrens, I/T

Mr. Ferreira requested an update on that at the next meeting of the School Committee; he wants to know about situations like that when it happens and when corrected

Mr. Cahoon – we will pass on technology for now

Specialty Items – page 16 – fire alarm – replace it? Superintendent – look at roof and asphalt.

Recap of discussion about priorities:

- 1) Asphalt**
- 2) Add Extra lighting**
- 3) Roof pipe and drains**
- 4) Handrails scraped and painted**
- 5) Exterior door repair**
- 6) Paint everything**

7) Toilet partitions

8) Metal cabinets – look at that issue

9) Lighting fixtures

10) Look at Bathroom sinks, stalls, add handicap sinks and bubblers

Mr. Feola will look at dehumidification system – bring in an engineer to see if we can fix that problem Superintendent Crowley – health and safety item; make these lists.

Public Comment - None

Next Meeting Date and Topics: 1/5/16; next schools for review and discussion are Whiteknact and Oldham

(Get list of items discussed at this meeting ready for January School Committee meeting)

Meeting adjourned about 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman of FSC**